

Welcome to the Vance minute. I'm Joe B. Wiles with the Public Affairs Office...

The twenty-two young men who graduated September 5th from Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance, were treated to two special events.

Gen. Robin Rand, the commander of the Air Education and Training Command, was the guest speaker at the graduation.

And shortly after the ceremony, the new pilots and their friends and family observed a four-ship flyover by T-6A Texas IIs, the first aircraft the new pilots flew on their journey to becoming aviators.

The new pilots will leave Vance to fly a variety of aircraft. Thirteen will fly cargo and refueling aircraft. Five will fly fighters, two will fly special operations aircraft and two will remain at Vance as instructor pilots.

Since 1990, the 71st Communications Squadron has served the needs of Vance Air Force Base. On September 1st the squadron transitioned to a flight, ending the squadron designation, which originated in 1948.

That's your Vance Minute...have a great Air Force day.